

Good morning. Welcome to the Family History Center (FHC) and our class on “Following Your Ancestors thru U S Military Records”.

My name is Bill Barrett.

After serving for 20 years in the Air Force and doing family history for about 15 years now, I thought I knew a lot about military records and a little about genealogy, but I found out that I had a lot to learn about both.

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1: Introduction: A Large And Complex Subject

- ☐ **Government sources: federal, state, county, local**
- ☐ **Non-government sources: Military unit associations, histories, and museums; lineage societies - DAR; veteran's organizations - VFW**
- ☐ **Records on-line and microfilmed**
- ☐ **Many are not indexed**
- ☐ **Many are only available as copies of original paper files; NARA, NPPRC**
- ☐ **Records exist for peacetime as well as wartime service**
- ☐ **Extremely useful genealogy information**
 - ❖ Vital information: birth, death & burial, physical characteristics, medical records
 - ❖ Residence: bounty land warrants, pensions (veteran, widow, or orphans)
 - ❖ Rank, training, combat service, medals, awards, KIA, MIA

I have an introduction, learning resources, research websites, examples of typical military records, and National Archives records requests

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S. Military Records Class Handout](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Military_Records_Class_Handout)

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- ☐ There seems to be two main reasons for obtaining military records.
 - ❖ genealogical information
 - ❖ need proof of military service to apply for VA benefits: medical, burial, disability, home loan, etc.
- ☐ I will cover both reasons
- ☐ Unlike censuses or vital records, military records take many different forms and are in many different locations.
- ☐ Some are governments sources - federal, state, county, and local.
- ☐ Others are genealogical and historical societies at county, state, and national level. For example - Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).
- ☐ Veteran's organizations: VFW = Veterans of Foreign Wars
- ☐ NARA = National Archives and Records Administration
- ☐ NPPRC = National Personnel Records Center
- ☐ Some are at free and commercial genealogical websites – Fold 3 (\$), FamilySearch (free), Ancestry (\$), Find-A-Grave (free), more.
- ☐ Fold 3, Ancestry, and others “or fee” websites are free at Family History Centers.
- ☐ The vital records and family information is most often found in pension and bounty land applications.
- ☐ KIA = killed in action
- ☐ MIA = missing in action
- ☐ This a large and complex subject. I am going to introduce you to military records, show examples of record types, and give you links to important websites, databases, and learning resources.
- ☐ The Appendix and the second handout has more useful or interesting information we don't have time for today.

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What Are United States Military Records?

- ❑ Chances are good that an ancestor(s) served in the military, if served prior to 1973
- ❑ General Types of Military Records:
 - ❖ Enlistment, Draft, Conscription, or Selective Service Records
 - ❖ Compiled Service Records: Revolution through Civil War
 - Muster rolls, pay vouchers, other records compiled into one file.
 - Can provide rank, unit, date mustered in and out, basic biographical info, medical info, military info
 - ❖ Service Records:
 - State: militia, volunteer, National Guard
 - Federal (regular) forces
 - Proves military service: ID number, unit, rank, awards, stations, training, etc.
 - ❖ Bounty Land Warrants:
 - Federal government granted bounty land for service in: Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Indian wars between 1790 and 1855
 - Some states gave bounty land to state veterans
 - ❖ Pension or Veteran Records:
 - Pension Applications and Pension Payment Records:
 - Based on service in the armed forces of the United States between 1775 and 1916
 - Pension applications and payments for veterans, their widows, and children
 - Pension application files usually provide the most genealogical information

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Military_Records

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- ❑ Chances are good that one or more of your ancestors or other relatives served in the military, at the Federal or State level or both.
- ❑ Last draft law expired in 1973.
- ❑ General Types of Military Records:
 - ❖ Draft, enlistment, etc.: Residence, next of kin, date of birth, occupation, employer, address, sometimes physical characteristics
 - ❖ Compiled Service Records - Revolutionary War thru Civil War: Muster rolls, pay vouchers, other records compiled into one file. Can provide rank, unit, date mustered in and out, biographical, medical, and military info
 - ❖ Service Records:
 - Modern name of service records: Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).
 - Formerly known as the 201 file; an old Army term.
 - State level – militia, volunteer, or national guard
 - ❖ The National Archives has Bounty Land Warrants:
 - Bounty land warrant application files relate to claims based on wartime service between 1775 and March 3, 1855.
 - If your ancestor served in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, early Indian Wars, or the Mexican War, a search of these records may be worthwhile.
 - Bounty land records often contain documents like those in pension files, with lots of genealogical information.
 - Some states gave bounty land to veterans from their state. Check state archives.
 - ❖ The National Archives also has pension applications and records of pension payments for veterans, their widows, and other heirs.
 - The pension records are based on service in the armed forces of the United States between 1775 and 1916.
 - Pension application files usually provide the most genealogical information.
 - These files often contain supporting documents such as: narratives of events during service, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, pages from family Bibles, family letters, depositions of witnesses, affidavits, discharge, and other supporting papers.

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Other Types Of Records Related To The Military

- ❑ **Unit histories, rosters, biographies**
- ❑ **Cemetery Records: first national military cemeteries created in 1862**
- ❑ **National Homes for Disabled Soldiers:**
 - ❖ Established national homes for disabled veterans in 1866
 - ❖ Combined with other veteran's agencies in 1930 to form VA
- ❑ **Veterans and Lineage Society Records: May exist at a national or state level: DAR, VFW, American Legion, DAV, etc.**
- ❑ **Biographies: Prominent military personnel may be found in published military biographical dictionaries.**

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S. Military Records Class Handout#OTHER_TYPES_OF_RECORDS_RELATED_TO_THE_MILITARY](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Military_Records_Class_Handout#OTHER_TYPES_OF_RECORDS_RELATED_TO_THE_MILITARY)

- ❑ Military Unit Histories:
 - ❖ May contain biographies of officers, rosters of soldiers in the unit, clues to where the soldiers were living when they enlisted, and possibly a residence after their service or a death place.
 - ❖ Can also give you a background of battles the soldiers fought and where they were located during the war.
- ❑ Cemetery Records: The first national military cemeteries were created in 1862 during the Civil War. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (www.va.gov) has a database of soldiers buried in national military cemeteries. <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>
- ❑ National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers: Congress established national homes for disabled veterans in 1866.
 - ❖ Veterans were eligible for admittance if they were honorably discharged; had served in the regular, volunteer, or militia forces mustered into federal service; were disabled and without support; and were unable to earn a living.
 - ❖ In 1930 the homes were combined with other agencies to form the Veterans Administration.
 - ❖ The register for the national homes are divided into four sections: military (which includes enlistment, rank, company, regiment, and discharge), domestic (which gives birthplace, age, height, religion, occupation, residence, marital status and nearest relative), home (which includes pension information, death date, and burial place), and general remarks.
 - ❖ These records are available at FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com.
- ❑ Veterans and Lineage Society Records: may exist at a national or state level.
 - ❖ Some societies require members to submit applications documenting their ancestry back to a soldier.
 - ❖ The applications usually provide birth, marriage, and death information, as well as establish relationship through multiple generations back to the ancestral soldier. DAR = Daughters of the American Revolution (see Appendix); VFW = Veterans of Foreign Wars; DAV = Disabled American Veterans

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Getting Started: Was Grandpa in the Military?

America's Wars and Campaigns

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Colonial Wars, 1643 – 1763* ❑ Revolutionary War, 1775 -1783 ❑ War of 1812, 1812 - 1815 ❑ Mexican War, 1846 - 1848 ❑ Civil War, 1861 - 1865 ❑ Indian Wars, 1675 - 1890s ❑ Spanish-American War, 1898 ❑ Philippine Insurrection, 1899 - 1902 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Boxer Rebellion, 1900 (China) ❑ Mexican Expedition, 1916 (Pancho Villa)** ❑ World War I, 1917 - 1918 ❑ World War II, 1941 - 1945 ❑ Korean War, 1950 - 1953 ❑ Vietnam War, 1964 - 1972
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**My mother & family lived in Columbus, NM during Villa's raid

* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_American_military_history

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- ❑ Your first question is “Did Great-grandpa, Grandpa, or Dad serve in a military service?”
- ❑ If you are unsure, or if there are no family stories about military service, you can follow the clues on this and the next two slides.
- ❑ If your ancestor was in a specific age group (on next slide) during one or more of these war periods, it is likely that your ancestor did serve in a military or naval branch.
- ❑ In addition, there were also military expeditions to:
 - ❖ the Barbary Coast in 1805 and 1815 (North African pirates)
 - ❖ Panama, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Haiti, Honduras, and others in the Caribbean and Central America in the last 100+ years
- ❑ Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan

Useful Information For Search

- ☐ **Most useful after name: serial, service or ID number**
- ☐ **Service branch: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy**
- ☐ **Rank: Enlisted or Officer**
- ☐ **Regular Federal service OR State service (militia, volunteer, or National Guard)**
- ☐ **Induction center location: enlistment office, ROTC, service academies, Officer Training Schools**
- ☐ **Unit(s)**
- ☐ **Specialty: MOS, AFSC, Rating**
- ☐ **Service locations (stateside or overseas) - war or peacetime**
- ☐ **Birth date and place**

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- ☐ Serial Number: Check enlistment (induction, mustering in) record, discharge (mustering out) papers (DD214 starting in 1950), ID card, dog tags, or any other military form or letter from service branch
- ☐ Listed in approximate order of importance
- ☐ You don't need all these items, but the more you know, the more focused your search will be.
- ☐ ROTC = Reserve Officer Training Corp
- ☐ Units –typical for fighting units, smaller to larger:
 - ❖ Army/Marine: company, battalion, regiment/brigade, division
 - ❖ Navy: ship, task force, fleet
 - ❖ Air Force (before 1947 - Army Air Corp, Army Air Forces): squadron, group, wing
- ☐ Specialty:
 - ❖ MOS = Military Occupational Specialty (Army)
 - ❖ AFSC = Air Force Specialty Code
 - ❖ Rating = Navy Rating

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Clues to military service: Ages of Servicemen in Wars

WAR	DURATION	TYPICAL YEARS OF BIRTH	TYPICAL AGES
King William's War	1689-1697	1629-1681	16-60
Queen Anne's War	1702-1713	1642-1697	16-60
King George's War	1744-1748	1684-1732	16-60
French and Indian War	1755-1763	1695-1739	16-60
Revolutionary War	1776-1783	1715-1767	16-60
Indian Wars	1780's-1890's	1720's-1880's	
Barbary Wars	1800-1805	1740-1789	16-60
War of 1812	1812-1815	1752-1799	16-60
Barbary Wars	1815	1755-1799	16-60
Mexican War	1846-1848	1788-1832	16-60
Civil War	1861-1865	1801-1849	16-60
Spanish American War	1898	1838-1882	16-60
Philippine Insurrection	1899-1902	1838-1886	16-60
World War I	1917-1919	1858-1900	18-60
World War II	1941-1945	1881-1927	18-60
Korean War	1950-1953	1890-1935	18-60
Vietnam War	1965-1973	1905-1955	18-60
Gulf War	1991	1931-1973	18-60
Afghanistan War	2002	1942-1984	18-60
Iraq War	2003-	1943-1989+	18-60

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- Research Process
- Research Outlines
- Census Records
- Research Forms

- ☐ A guide to help you determine if your ancestor could have fought in one of the American Wars.
- ☐ The chart lists the wars chronologically.
- ☐ Use the table to determine in which wars an ancestor may have served.
- ☐ The first column indicates the name of the war
- ☐ The second its years of duration.
- ☐ The third column tells the typical birth years for men entered in that war, although younger or older soldiers may have enlisted.
- ☐ The fourth column indicates the typical ages of those serving in each war.

More Clues To Military Service

- ❑ **Federal Census: 1840, 1890*, 1910, 1930, some state censuses**
- ❑ **Death certificates, cemetery records and tombstones, diaries, family stories, memorabilia, letters, photographs in uniform**
- ❑ **Land bounty warrants, pension applications, naturalization records, newspaper/magazine articles, obituaries, local histories**
- ❑ **Discharge papers: DD214 starting in 1950; see appendix for examples of older discharge forms from 1922 and 1980**

*** Most of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire, BUT some veteran's schedules survived.**

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Military_Online_Genealogy_Records

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Veterans_Schedules

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- ❑ Military service questions on these censuses:
 - ❖ 1840: Census requested information on all surviving Revolutionary War veterans. If your ancestor is of the right age to possibly have served in the Revolutionary War, and he was still living in 1840, check the 1840 census veteran's schedules to see if he was marked as being a Revolutionary War veteran.
 - ❖ *1890 Veterans Schedules: Along with the 1890 census, separate schedules were made of Union Civil War veterans or their widows. Confederate veterans were mistakenly listed as well. The "Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War" (NARA M123) (118 microfilm rolls). Nearly all of the schedules for the states of Alabama through Kansas and those for western half of Kentucky^[1] were destroyed by fire at the Department of Commerce in 1921 prior to microfilming. The schedules for the remaining half of Kentucky and the states of Louisiana through Wyoming are available in this collection.
 - ❖ 1910: Question: Whether a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy?
 - ❖ 1930: Question: Whether the person is a veteran of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition? If yes, which war or expedition?
- ❑ Discharges:
 - ❖ The first DD Form 214s were issued in 1950, replacing the older "WD AGO" (War Department Adjutant General's Office) Forms and the NAVPERS (Naval Personnel) discharge documents.
 - ❖ The DD Form 214 is commonly used by various government agencies, chief among them the Department of Veterans Affairs, to secure veteran benefits, and may be requested by employers should a person indicate he or she has served in the military. (Source: Wikipedia)

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US Military Record Selection Table

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U.S. Military - Record Selection Table

Once you know in which war(s) your ancestor may have served, use this table to decide which records to search. Use this table as a guide only. The information listed here is generally found in pre-20th century records, but each item is rarely found in every individual record.

Look in --	Service	Pension	Bounty Land	Draft	Cemetery	Soldier Homes	Veteran/Lineage Society	Military Biography
Age	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Birth date	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Birth place	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Children	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Death date	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Death place	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Spouse, Marriage	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Military Unit	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Occupation	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Parents	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Physical description	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Residence	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Service history	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Want this data?

Look in →

by country by topic

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- ❑ U.S. Military - Record Selection Table.
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2: Learning Resources

- ☐ **Family Search, Ancestry, Fold 3, YouTube, and other websites have learning resources for military records**
- ☐ **The Family History Guide is a one-stop genealogy learning resource**

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Continue Learning at The Family History Guide

- ❑ **The Family History Guide:**
www.thefhguide.com
- ❑ **Partners: American Ancestors, Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, Fold3, Geneanet, MyHeritage**
- ❑ **Other web sites: genealogy.com, BYU, YouTube, Thoughtco.com, etc.**
- ❑ **Best single website for Family History training**
- ❑ **Links to Articles and Videos**
- ❑ **Free**
- ❑ **For learning, not for searching**



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- ❑ The Family History Guide is a website that represents a best-in-class learning environment for family history. Its scope is broad, but its focus is narrow enough to help you achieve your goals, step by step. Whether you are brand new to family history or a seasoned researcher—or somewhere in between—The Family History Guide can be your difference maker.
- ❑ Mission Statement: "Our mission is to greatly increase the number of people actively involved in family history worldwide, and to make everyone's family history journey easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable."
- ❑ Here are some of the unique features you'll find on the site:
 - ❖ Goals for learning, supported by flexible Choices
 - ❖ Step-by-step instructions to make learning easier
 - ❖ Links to videos and articles from FamilySearch, Ancestry, and several more
 - ❖ QUIKLinks that take you to record searches from multiple sources, with a single click
 - ❖ Project Tracker sheets and Training materials for self-study or group instruction
- ❑ Frequently Asked Questions:
 - ❖ Is the site free? Yes. There are no fees or subscriptions for using the website or its contents.
 - ❖ Does The Family History Guide accept advertising or promote commercial products? No
 - ❖ What about copyright? The site and its materials are copyrighted, so please do not email or repost any of the content without written permission from The Family History Guide.
 - ❖ Is this an LDS site? No, more people involved with family history, and more effectively, is the mission of The Family History Guide.
 - ❖ Church-sponsored site? No. But it is endorsed by FamilySearch and is recommended for training.
 - ❖ Is there information in The Family History Guide for LDS users? Yes.
 - ❖ Does The Family History Guide contain genealogical records? No, but it helps you learn how to use the vast record sources at FamilySearch, Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage, etc.
 - ❖ May I add a link to The Family History Guide on my website or blog? Yes, in fact we encourage it.
 - ❖ Are there links to other family history sites? Yes, there are many helpful links to tutorials, articles, and videos in The Family History Guide.
 - ❖ What if I have other questions about The Family History Guide? Use the Contact Us link on the Home page or send an email to: info@TheFHGuide.com for more information.

Learning more about U. S. Military Records

- ☐ From The Family History Guide Home Page
- ☐ Click on “Countries” tab
- ☐ Select “United States”
- ☐ Select “E: Military 1. Records”
- ☐ See articles and videos from The Family History Guide Partners
- ☐ See The Family History Guide handout for training details

<https://thefhguide.com/project-9-united-statesel.html#goal-e1>

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3: Examples of Typical Military and Military Related Records & Websites

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- ☐ Types of records
- ☐ Principal websites for military and military related records

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Ancestry.com: Military Records

Ancestry Home Page

- ❑ Search
- Military Records

Military Records

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/39/>

- ❑ One of National Archives digitization partners.
- ❑ One of free premium web sites at Family History Center.
- ❑ One of the Family History Guide partners
- ❑ You can restrict your search to military records:
 - ❖ click on “Search” tab
 - ❖ click on “Military”

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Example Civil War Draft Registration: Ancestry.com

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-18... Robert W Cooper Civil War Draft Registration ScreenHunter.jpg 04/02 18:15 BILL-LAPTOP Bill ScreenHunter

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U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865 for Robert W Cooper Ohio > 6th > Vol 1 of 3 SAVE

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TABLE I.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS I, subject to do military duty in the *6th* Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of *Brown, Clinton, Claymont, Fayette, and Highlands*, State of *Ohio*, enumerated during the month of *June*, 1864, under direction of *Captain Joseph H. Harlap*, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE	NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE	REMARKS
	<i>Robert W Cooper</i>	<i>25</i>			<i>Brown, Ohio</i>		
	<i>George L. Cooper</i>	<i>40</i>			<i>Brown, Ohio</i>		
	<i>Chapman, Isaac</i>	<i>28</i>			<i>Brown, Ohio</i>		
	<i>Chapman, Allen</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>Brown, Ohio</i>		

Robert W Cooper

- ❖ Draft Registration
- ❖ Did he serve in civil war?
- ❖ Is this the right Robert Cooper?

https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/1666/32178_620305173_0137-00097?pid=1011859&backurl=https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv%3D1%26dbid%3D1666%26h%3D1011859%26tid%3D%26pid%3D%26usePUB%3Dtrue%26_phsrc%3DqvQ3%26_phstart%3DsuccessSource&treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&_phsrc=qvQ3&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true

- ☐ Example of a Civil War draft registration record.
 - ❖ These records were organized by congressional district.
 - ❖ This one is for the sixth district of Ohio, which includes Brown, Clinton, Claymont, Fayette, and Highland counties.
- ☐ Robert W. Cooper is my wife's 2nd-great-grandfather. He was from Brown County and the age listed is about right.
- ☐ This record gave us his middle initial.
- ☐ Have not been able to find any enlistment or service record.
 - ❖ Did he serve?
 - ❖ Did he pay someone to serve in his stead? This was legal during the Civil War.
 - ❖ Records not available?

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Example World War II Soldier: fold3

<https://www.fold3.com/>

Discover your family's military past.

First Name Last Name All Records

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439,437,931 TOTAL RECORDS

The Fold3 Training Center

Creation of the Seabees

Do you like Newspapers?

Browse US Military Records by

Revolutionary War
War of 1812
Mexican American and Early Indian Wars
Civil War

Henry F Barrett

Keyword: Keyword (Military unit, date, application number, etc)

Place: Texas, USA

Year Range: 1940 1945

Include OCR matches (Examples: newspaper text)

Added to the site: Any time

<https://www.fold3.com/record/83558177/henry-f-barrett-wwii-army-enlistment-records>

- ☐ One of National Archives digitization partners.
- ☐ One of the Family History Guide partners.
- ☐ One of free premium websites at FHC.
- ☐ Devoted primarily to military records and memorials.
- ☐ Original name was “Footnote”. The name was changed to “fold3” when it was purchased by Ancestry.com in 2010.
- ☐ Provides convenient access to US military records.
- ☐ Original records at fold3 help you discover and share stories about these everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them.
- ☐ You can combine records found on the site with what you have in your own albums and shoeboxes to create an online memorial for someone who served.
- ☐ The fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold (of thirteen) is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.
- ☐ I will be doing a class on fold3 on June 22nd.
- ☐ Henry F. Barrett is my first cousin who served in WWII.

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Example Civil War Compiled Service Record: Ancestry.com



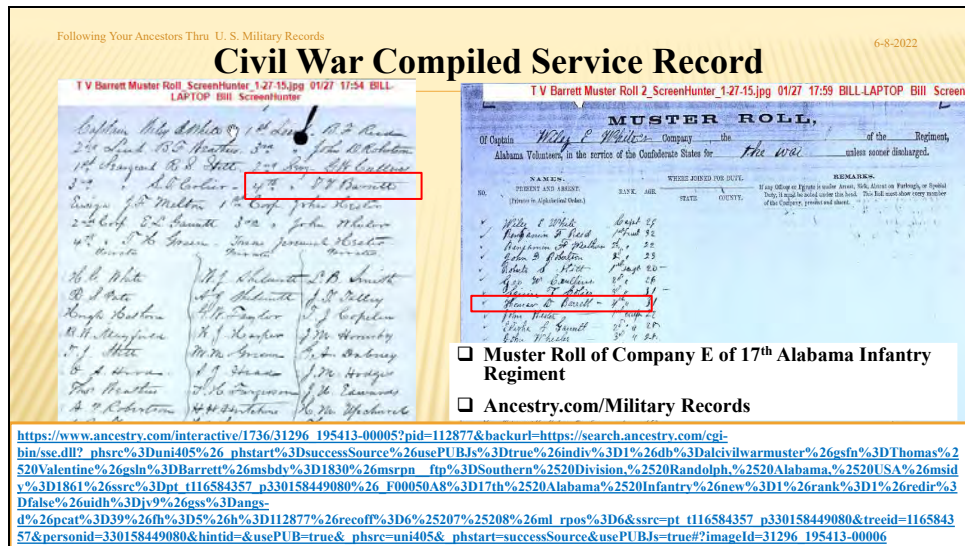
Veteran's footstone

THOMAS VALENTINE BARRETT
SERG CO E 17 ALA INFANTRY
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY
AUG 22 1830 APR 2 1867

<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=2322&h=9087391&tid=&pid=&usePUB=true&phsrc=uni353&phstart=successSource>

- ❑ This and the next slide are an example a Civil War Compiled Service Record.
- ❑ Thomas Valentine Barrett is my great-grandfather.
 - ❖ I found several civil war soldiers from Alabama named Thomas Barrett. But only one Thomas Valentine.
 - ❖ We have at least one Valentine, Val, or Valarie in every generation and branch of my extended family.
 - ❖ An unusual name can be very helpful.
- ❑ The photo is of his military footstone.
 - ❖ Does anyone know who provided these footstones? And when?
 - ❖ Paran* Missionary Baptist Church cemetery in Randolph County, Alabama, near Roanoke.
- ❑ VA: gravelocator.cem.va.gov
 - ❖ Barrett – 4728 names
 - ❖ My father-in-law's grave site is listed.
- ❑ VA gravestones often have rank and unit listed

* Paran is mentioned in the Old Testament as one of the wilderness areas where the Israelites wandered for 40 years



- ☐ An example of a Civil War Compiled Service Record:
- ☐ My Great-grandfather Thomas Valentine Barrett.
- ☐ These records gave me his unit, Company E of the 17th Alabama Infantry Regiment, and his rank, 4th sergeant
- ☐ Using that information, at the Alabama state archives, I found what battles this regiment fought.
- ☐ The regiment was at Shiloh and other battles.
- ☐ This regiment was enlisted from Randolph County, Alabama, and surrounding counties.
- ☐ He survived the war and died in 1887.
- ☐ A 2001 book about the 17th Alabama Infantry Regiment does not list any wounds but does mention one illness.
 - ✓ I found the book by searching on Google books after Tammie Robinson's Google class a few years ago.

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Example Civil War Enlistment Record

Jacob Grody in the U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865

NAME:	Jacob Grody
AGE AT ENLISTMENT:	18
ENLISTMENT DATE:	1 Sep 1861
RANK AT ENLISTMENT:	Private
STATE SERVED:	Ohio
SURVIVED THE WAR?:	Yes
SERVICE RECORD:	Enlisted in Company C, Ohio 1st Infantry Regiment on 01 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 18 Oct 1861.
BIRTH DATE:	abt 1843
SOURCES:	Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio.

Source Information
 Historical Data Systems, comp. *U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009.
 Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA, from the [following list of works](#).
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- ☐ Jacob Grody is my wife's 2nd-great-grandfather.
- ☐ This is his Civil War enlistment record.
- ☐ Source: US Civil War Soldier Records and Profile, 1861 – 1865
- ☐ Found on Military Records in Ancestry.com
- ☐ Unit: Company C, Ohio 1st Infantry Regiment

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Special Schedule—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines and Widows, Etc.

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Enumeration District No. 194

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SERVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS, ETC.

Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of the rebellion (who are survivors), and widows of such persons in MAINE, MECHANIC FALLS (County of MAINE)

Date of Enumeration June 1, 1900 enumerated in June, 1900.

C. C. D. [Signature]


Serial No.	Name of Surviving Soldier, Sailor, or Marine, and Widow.	Rank.	Component.	Date of Discharge or Term.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.	Age	
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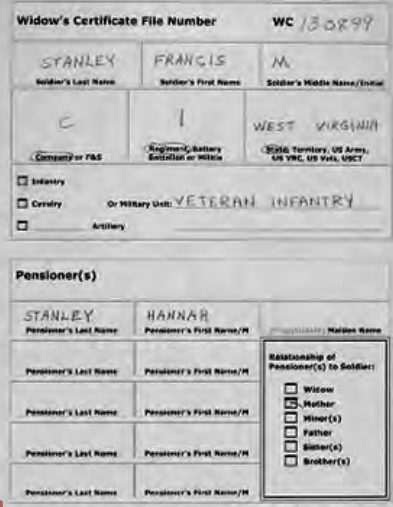
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Example Civil War Pension File

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[The National Archives](#)
 Relationship: Mother
 Pensioner Surname: Stanley
 Veteran Given Name: Francis M
 State Of Service: West Virginia
 Company: C
 Veteran Surname: Stanley
 Application Number: WC130899
 Regiment: 1
 Pensioner Given Name: Hannah
 Arm of Service: Veteran Infantry
 Views: 4
[Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War Veterans, ca. 1861 - ca. 1910](#)
 Content Source: NARA
 Fold3 Job: 08-063
 Fold3 Publication Year: 2008
 Language: English
 National Archives Catalog ID: [300020](#)
 National Archives Catalog Title: Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Veterans of the Army and Navy Who Served Mainly in the Civil War and the War With Spain, compiled 1861 - 1934
 Partner: Family Search
 Record Group: 15
 Short Description: Approved pension applications of widows and other dependents of Civil War veterans who served between 1861 and 1910.
 Roll Name: WC130895-WC130929





The image shows a 'Widow's Certificate File Number' form. It includes fields for the Soldier's Name (Stanley, Francis M.), Company (C), Regiment (1), State (West Virginia), and Arm of Service (Veteran Infantry). It also lists Pensioners (Stanley, Hannah) and their relationship to the Soldier (Mother).

<https://www.fold3.com/image/312880565>

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- ☐ National Archives Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War Veterans
- ☐ Found on Fold 3
- ☐ This slide shows the indexed data from this pension application.
- ☐ And first page of pension file from fold3.
- ☐ Veteran: Francis M Stanley; not a relative
- ☐ His mother is the Pensioner: Hannah Stanley
- ☐ The file has 27 pages.
- ☐ Think of the genealogical information that could be on 27 pages.

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Example WWI Draft Card

My wife's grandfather – Harry Lee Trollinger, 1887-1967; found on Family Search

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K6FG-3KF?from=lynx1&treeref=MC6B-BXB>


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- ☐ WWI Draft card of my wife's grandfather
- ☐ Notice the expected information on the face of the card: name, age, address, date & place of birth, citizenship, occupation, employer, marital status, dependents, race, exemption from draft (farmer, married with child).
- ☐ Notice the physical description the reverse side of the draft registration card.
- ☐ Tall 6' 6"; stout, but a very big man; blue eyes, brown hair. I met him in 1965.
- ☐ Picture from my wife's grandparents 50th wedding anniversary in 1965, age 78

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Example WWII Enlistment Record

My Father-in-Law

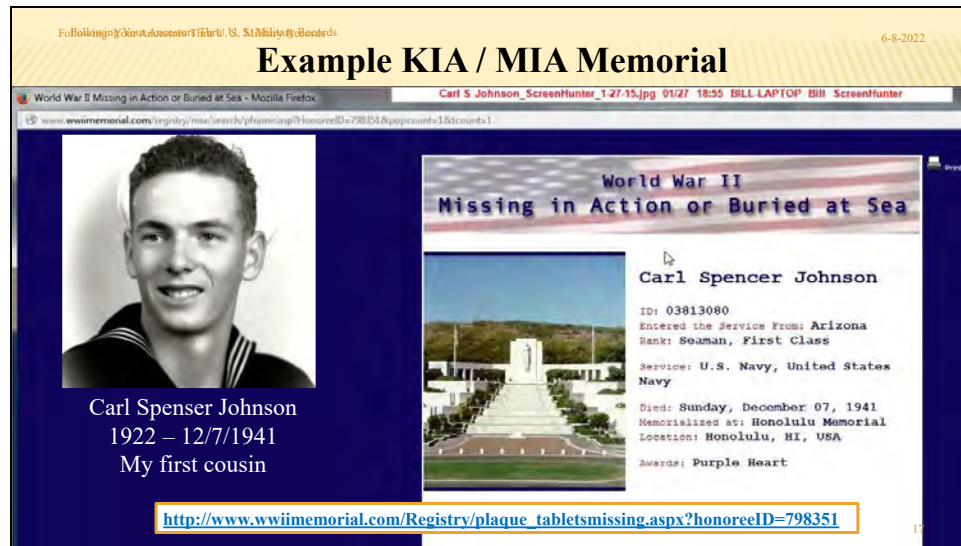


**Harry Bernard Trollinger,
1918-2003**

Name:	Harry B Trollinger
Name (Original):	TROLLINGER HARRY B
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	21 Jun 1941
Event Place:	Ft Thomas, Newport, Kentucky, United States
Race:	White
Citizenship Status:	citizen
Birth Year:	1918
Birthplace:	OHIO
Education Level:	4 years of high school
Civilian Occupation:	Retail manager
Marital Status:	Single, without dependents
Military Rank:	Private
Army Branch:	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Army Component:	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Source Reference:	Civil Life
Serial Number:	35125754
Affiliate ARC Identifier:	1263923
Box Film Number:	08983.320

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- ☐ Found on both Ancestry.com Military Records and Family Search
- ☐ Important information found on this record is his serial number, enlistment date, and induction location.
- ☐ Picture from about 1941
- ☐ Was a combat medic in European Theater in World War II.
- ☐ Helped liberate a Nazi concentration camp in southern Germany.




- ❑ Example of memorial for military Killed in Action (KIA) or Missing in Action (MIA)
- ❑ Carl Spencer Johnson is my first cousin. Enlisted in 1939 at age 16.
- ❑ On battleship USS West Virginia on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor – age 18.
- ❑ ~~Body never identified~~ Remains identified in 2021 and buried next to his parents. Internet video spread through the families.
- ❑ Website: <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>
- ❑ When my wife and I were in Oahu, we toured Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona Memorial, and the Punch Bowl Veterans Cemetery. I found his memorial.
- ❑ WWII Registry: The memory of America's World War II generation is preserved within the physical memorial and through the World War II Registry, a listing of Americans who contributed to the war effort in uniform and on the home front. Names in the Registry are forever linked to the memorial's bronze and granite representations of their sacrifice and achievement.
- ❑ The WWII Registry combines four distinct databases. Three are official U.S. Government databases maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) or the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). These official databases include names of Americans who are:
 - ❖ Buried in ABMC overseas military cemeteries.
 - ❖ Memorialized on ABMC Tablets of the Missing.
 - ❖ Listed on War and Navy Department Killed in Service rosters held by NARA.
 - ❖ The fourth database—the Registry of Remembrances—is an unofficial compilation of public acknowledgements honoring U.S. citizens who helped to win the Second World War.

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Example KIA WWII: fold3

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www.wwiimemorial.com/registry/cemetery/search/pframe.asp?HonoreeID=685774&popcount=1&tcount=1



Henry Frederick Barrett
1923-1944

<http://www.wwiimemorial.com/>

<http://texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org/36th-infantry-division-roster-wwii/>

Henry F. Barrett
ID: 20802912
Entered the Service From: Texas
Rank: Private

Service: U.S. Army, 141st Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division

Died: Saturday, December 16, 1944
Buried at: Lorraine American Cemetery
Location: St. Avold (Moselle), France
Plot: C Row: 22 Grave: 53

Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

- ❑ My first cousin Henry Frederick Barrett; Uncle Henry's only child.
 - ❖ Unit: Company H, 3rd battalion; 141st Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division (Texas National Guard)
 - ❖ Killed in Southern France on Dec 16, 1944
 - ❖ Buried at Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold (Moselle), France.
- ❑ 36th Infantry Div. website: an example of Military Unit websites. See Appendix.
- ❑ American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) is a small, independent agency of the United States government that administers, operates, and maintains permanent U.S. military cemeteries, memorials, and monuments both inside and outside the United States. Link: [Wikipedia](#)
- ❑ 11 April 1949 letter from Army Quartermaster General to Uncle Henry telling of final internment in an American Cemetery. He choose to have his son buried in France.

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Example WWII Casualty List: fold3

The screenshot shows the Fold3 website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'SEARCH', 'HONOR WALL', and 'DISCOVERIES'. Below this, a search bar shows '1 matches for Henry F. Barrett, Texas, USA' with a date range filter set to '1922-1945'. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'All Titles' and 'Filter by...' options. The main content area displays a search result for 'WWII Army and Air Force Casualty List' with details for Henry F. Barrett, born 1922, from Texas, USA. A red box highlights the URL: [https://www.fold3.com/search?keywords=Henry+F+Barrett&military.conflict=World+War+II&general.title.content.collection=world-war-ii-united-states:World+War+II+-+\(United+States\)&place=rel.148838:United+States+of+America](https://www.fold3.com/search?keywords=Henry+F+Barrett&military.conflict=World+War+II&general.title.content.collection=world-war-ii-united-states:World+War+II+-+(United+States)&place=rel.148838:United+States+of+America)

- ☐ Fold 3 casualty list
- ☐ The family knows him as Henry Fred to distinguish him from our common grandfather, Henry Frederick Barrett (1857 – 1903).

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Henry Frederick Barrett, 1923 – 1944; KIA

Fold3 Henry Fred Casualty List, Search/Enter: 127-153 pgs 91/27 12-26 BILL LAPTAP Bill Search/Enter

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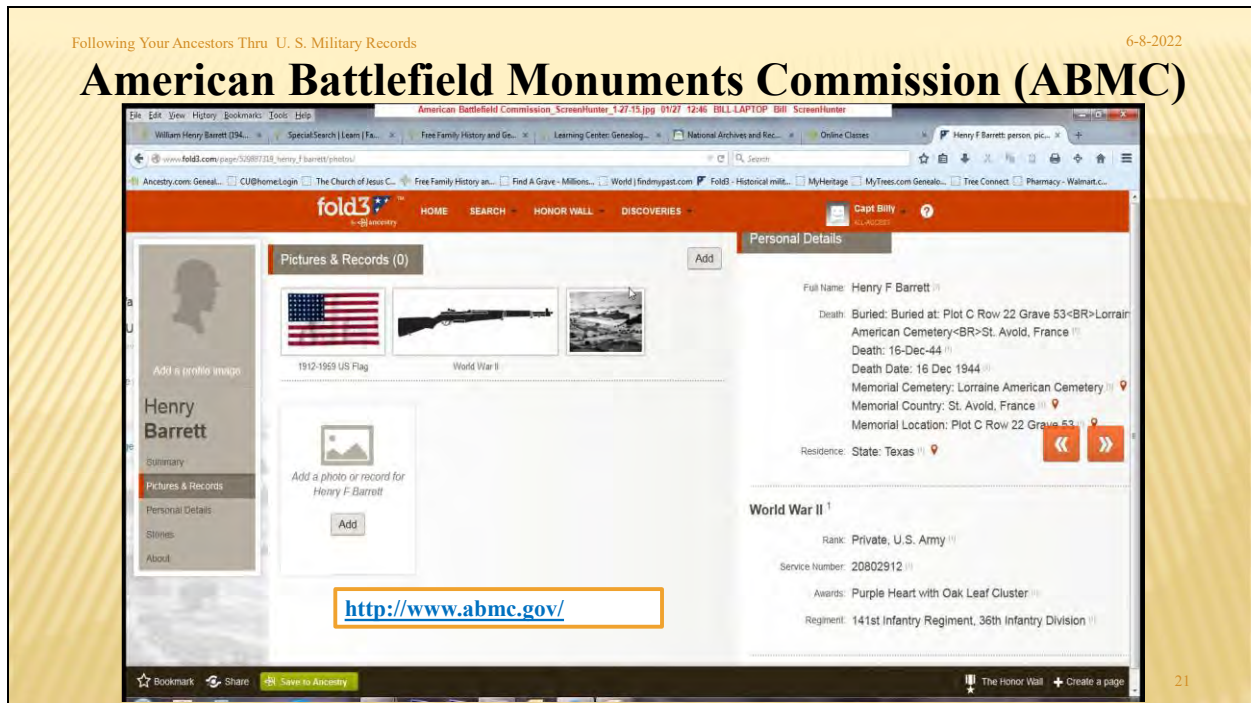
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- ☐ El Paso, Texas WWII newspaper casualty list.
- ☐ Hometown – El Paso, Texas Rank & Serial number
- ☐ KIA = killed in action
- ☐ Uncle Henry kept a newspaper clipping of Henry Fred's death in his wallet until he died in 1984 – 40 years after his son's death.
- ☐ Sometimes genealogy data are more than just dry facts.
- ☐ Sometimes they are wet with tears.



- ❑ The American Battle Monuments Commission, established by the Congress in 1923, is an agency of the executive branch of the federal government.
- ❑ ABMC—guardian of America’s overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials—honors the service, achievements, and sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces.
- ❑ ABMC’s commemorative mission includes:
 - ❖ Designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining permanent American cemeteries in foreign countries.
 - ❖ Establishing and maintaining U.S. military memorials, monuments and markers where American armed forces have served overseas since April 6, 1917, and within the United States when directed by public law.
 - ❖ Controlling the design and construction of permanent U.S. military monuments and markers by other U.S. citizens and organizations, both public and private, and encouraging their maintenance.
- ❑ Can search the names of more than 218,000 individuals buried or memorialized at ABMC sites.

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4. How to find Official Military Personnel Records (OMPF), Pension Applications, and Bounty Land Warrants

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- ☐ The 2nd reason for finding military records.
- ☐ When proof of military service is needed to apply for VA benefits: medical, burial, disability, VA home loan, etc.

OMPF: CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE 1

Records are accessioned into the National Archives, and become archival, 62 years after the service member's separation from the military. This is a rolling date; hence, the current year, 2022, minus 62 years is 1960. Records with a discharge date of 1960 or prior are archival and are open to the public. Records with a discharge date of 1961 or after are non-archival and are maintained under the Federal Records Center program. Non-archival records are subject to access restrictions.

- ☐ OMPF – Official Military Personnel Files
- ☐ Non-archival records are restricted to veteran and next-of-kin

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OMPF: CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE 2

On July 12, 1973, a disastrous fire at the NPRC destroyed approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files. The records affected:

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Personnel and Period Affected</u>	<u>Estimated Loss</u>
Army	Personnel discharged November 1, 1912, to January 1, 1960,	80%
Air Force	Personnel discharged September 25, 1947*, to January 1, 1964 (with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.).	75%

See [1973 Fire](#) for more information on the records affected and the alternate sources used to reconstruct basic service information.

*** Prior to this date, Air Force personnel were in the Army Air Forces or Army Air Corp**

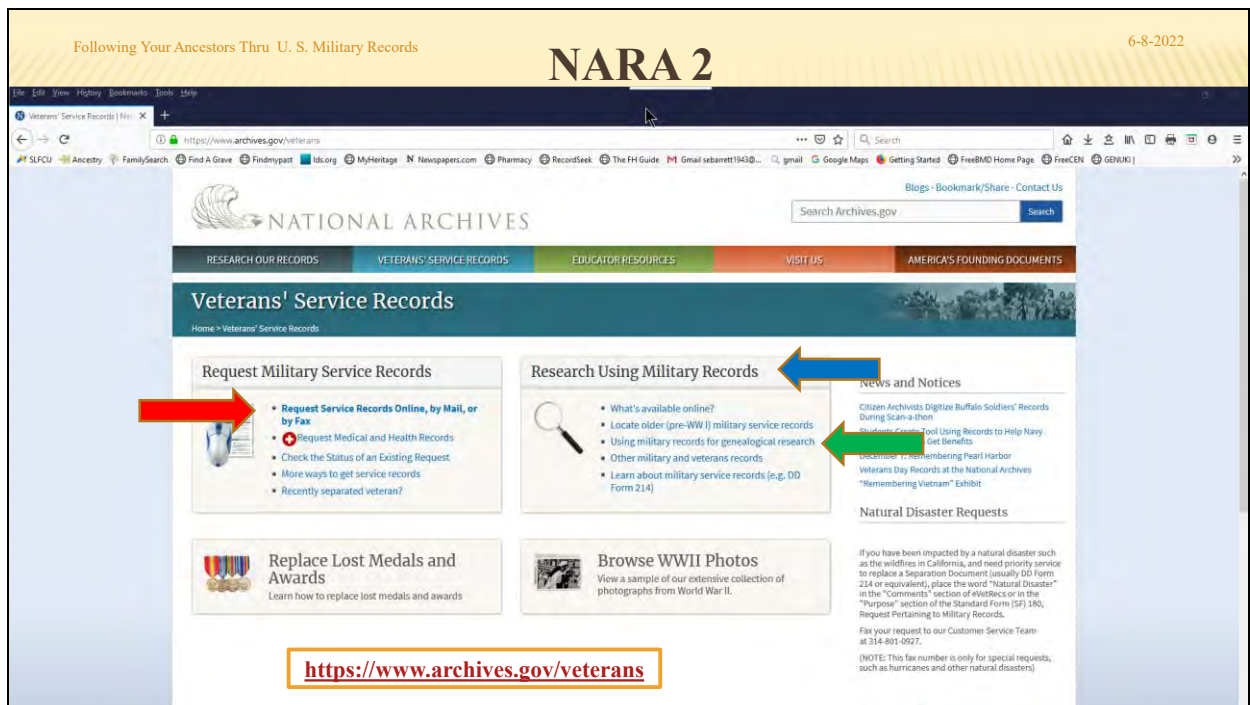
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- ☐ NPRC = National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO
- ☐ The Fire:
 - ❖ Shortly after midnight, on July 12, 1973, a fire was reported at the NPRC's military personnel records building at 9700 Page Boulevard in St. Louis, MO. Firefighters arrived on the scene only 4 minutes and 20 seconds after the first alarm sounded and entered the building. While they were able to reach the burning sixth floor, the heat and the smoke forced the firefighters to withdraw at 3:15am. In order to combat and contain the flames, firefighters were forced to pour great quantities of water onto the exterior of the building and inside through broken windows. The fire burned out of control for 22 hours; it took two days before firefighters were able to re-enter the building. The blaze was so intense that local Overland residents had to remain indoors, due to the heavy acrid smoke. It was not until July 16, nearly four and a half days after the first reports, that the local fire department called the fire officially out.
 - ❖ During the long ordeal, firefighters faced severe problems due to insufficient water pressure. Exacerbating the situation, one of the department's pumper trucks broke down after 40 hours of continuous operation. Numerous times, the fire threatened to spread down to the other floors; but firefighters were successful in halting its advance. In all, it took the participation of 42 fire districts to combat the disastrous blaze. Due to the extensive damages, investigators were never able to determine the source of the fire.
- ☐ No duplicate copies of these records were ever maintained, nor were microfilm copies produced. Neither were any indexes created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available. However, in the years following the fire, the NPRC collected numerous series of records (referred to as Auxiliary Records) that are used to reconstruct basic service information.



- ☐ NARA home page - top: <https://www.archives.gov>
- ☐
- ☒ Click on “Veteran’s Service Records” for learning about military records and to request copies of official military personnel file (OMPF) records.
- ☐
- ☐ NARA is the nation’s recordkeeper, preserving and making available the permanently valuable records of the Federal Government.
- ☐
- ☐ NARA maintains only the permanent records of the Federal Government.
- ☐
- ☐ “NARA search box will not help you find information on a specific person. However, we have many tools and resources that can lead you to information about our holdings. Many of NARA records have been digitized and are made available by our Digitization Partners.” Ancestry, Family Search, Fold3, DAR, BYU, others. “ NARA
- ☐
- ☐ NARA Reference Information Paper 109 (RIP 109)– “Military Service Records at the National Archives”
 - ❖ Download at: <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip109.pdf>
 - ❖ It is a good source of basic military record information.

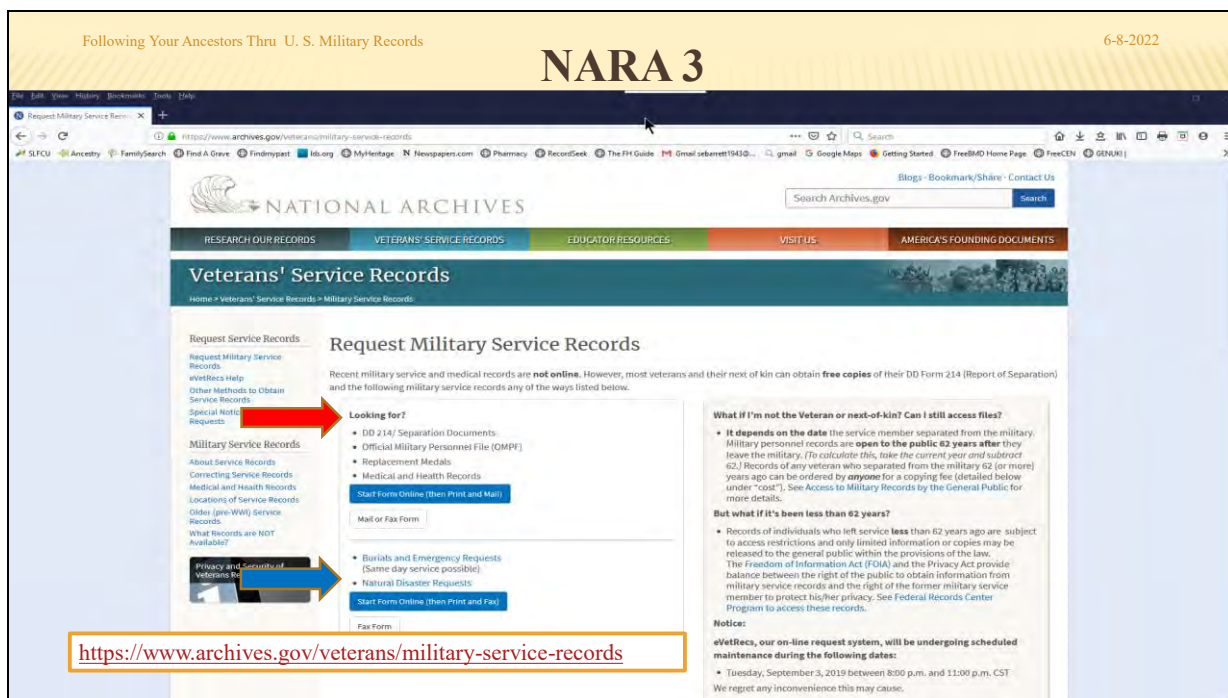


❑ This is the next page after “Veterans Service Records”.

❑ You can request copies of military service records.

❑ Research using military records.

❑ Using military records for genealogical research.



☐ This is the next page after “Request Service Records Online, by Mail, or by Fax”.

☐ Looking for ?

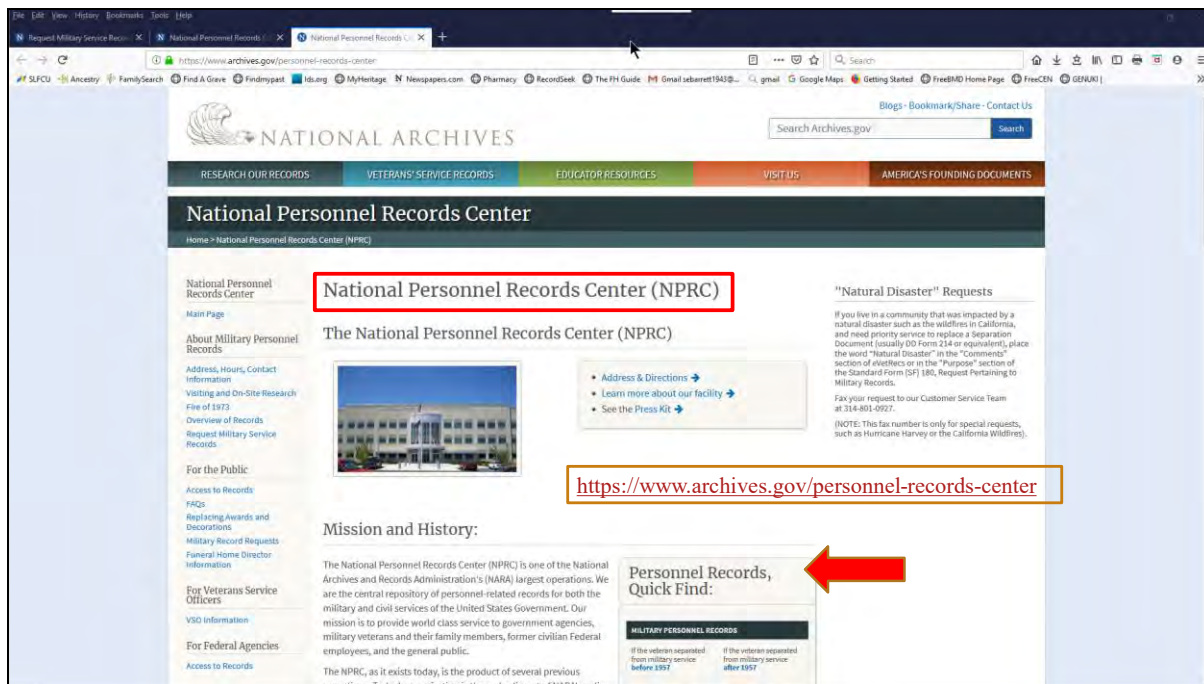
- ❖ DD214/ Separation Documents
- ❖ Official Military Personnel File (OMPF)
- ❖ Replacement Medals
- ❖ Medical and Health Records

☐ OR

- ❖ Burials and Emergency Requests
- ❖ Natural Disaster Requests

☐ Fill out form online OR by mail or Fax

☐ Must fill out signature form and mail or Fax if filed online



❑ NPRC Records Holdings, Overview:

❖ ARCHIVAL RECORDS

- ✓ Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) from all service branches for veterans with a discharge date of 1960 or prior
- ✓ Records of Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP): military personnel files of Presidents, members of Congress and the Supreme Court; famous military leaders; decorated heroes; celebrities; and other cultural figures who served in the military
- ✓ Organizational, Auxiliary and Other records pertaining to individual military and civilian service with the government of the United States - includes Selective Service Records

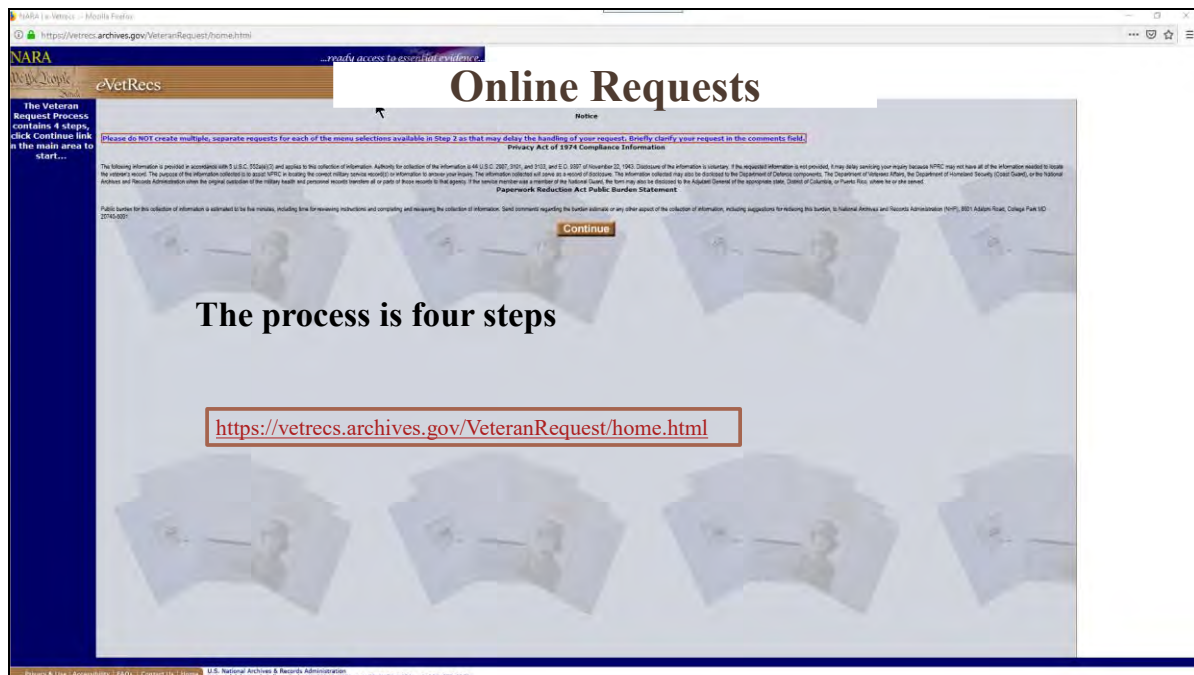
❖ FEDERAL RECORDS (non-archival)

- ✓ Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) from all service branches for veterans with a discharge date of 1961 or after
- ✓ Military health and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans, retirees and military family members treated at military service medical facilities

❑ Personnel Records, Quick Find:

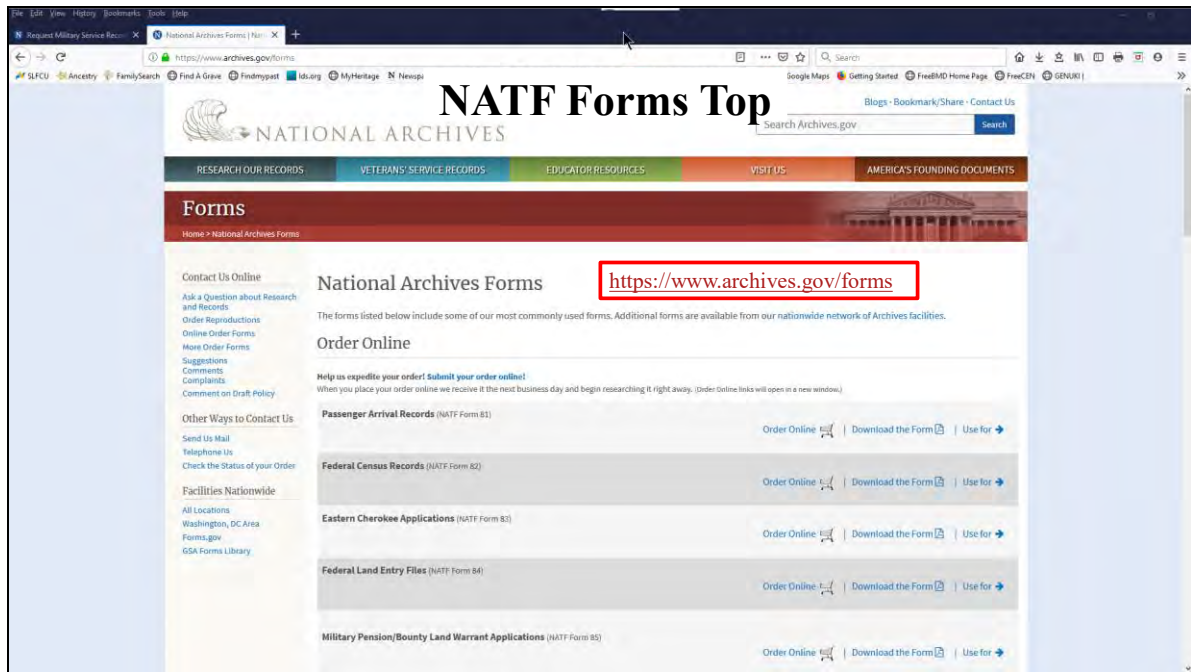
Two categories of OMPF

1. Veteran separated from military service in or before 1960: ARCHIVAL, PUBLIC
2. Veteran separated from military service after 1960: NON-ARCHIVAL, RESTRICTED ACCESS

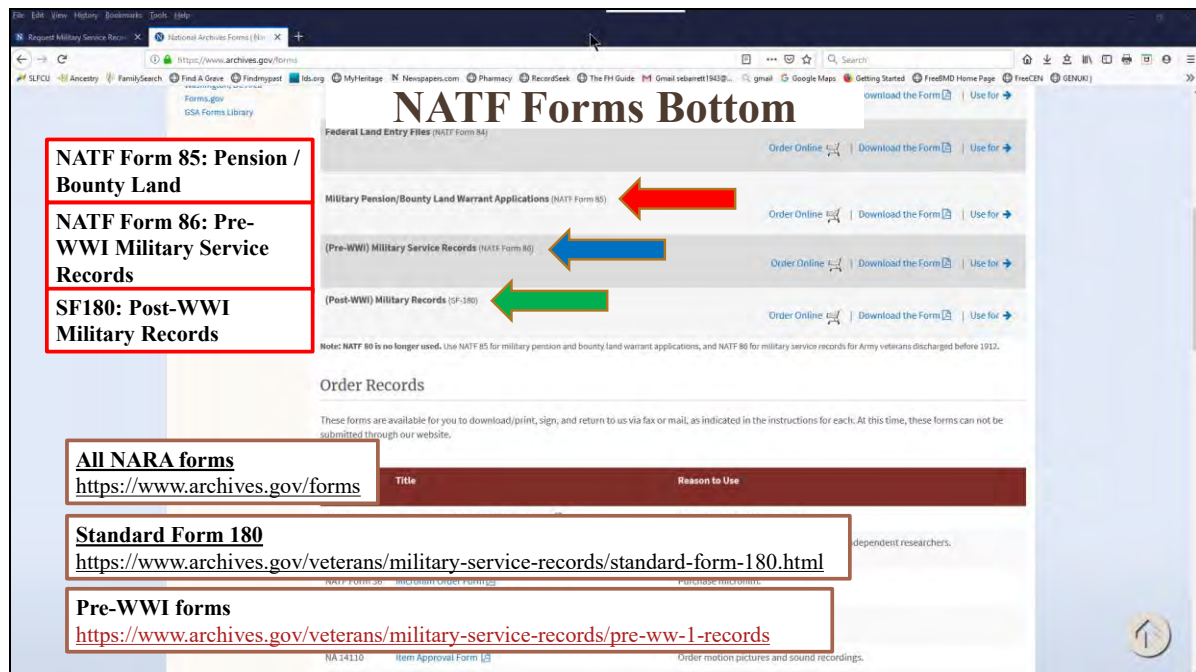


- ☐ Online requests using eVetRecs.
- ☐ Easy to do.
- ☐ Click on “Continue”
- ☐ One caveat: need to download a signature form and mail or Fax to NARA.
- ☐ For online Military Service Requests archival (separation in 1958 and after) as well as archival (separation 1960 and before).
- ☐ Don’t despair; you can still download forms to fill out and mail or Fax.

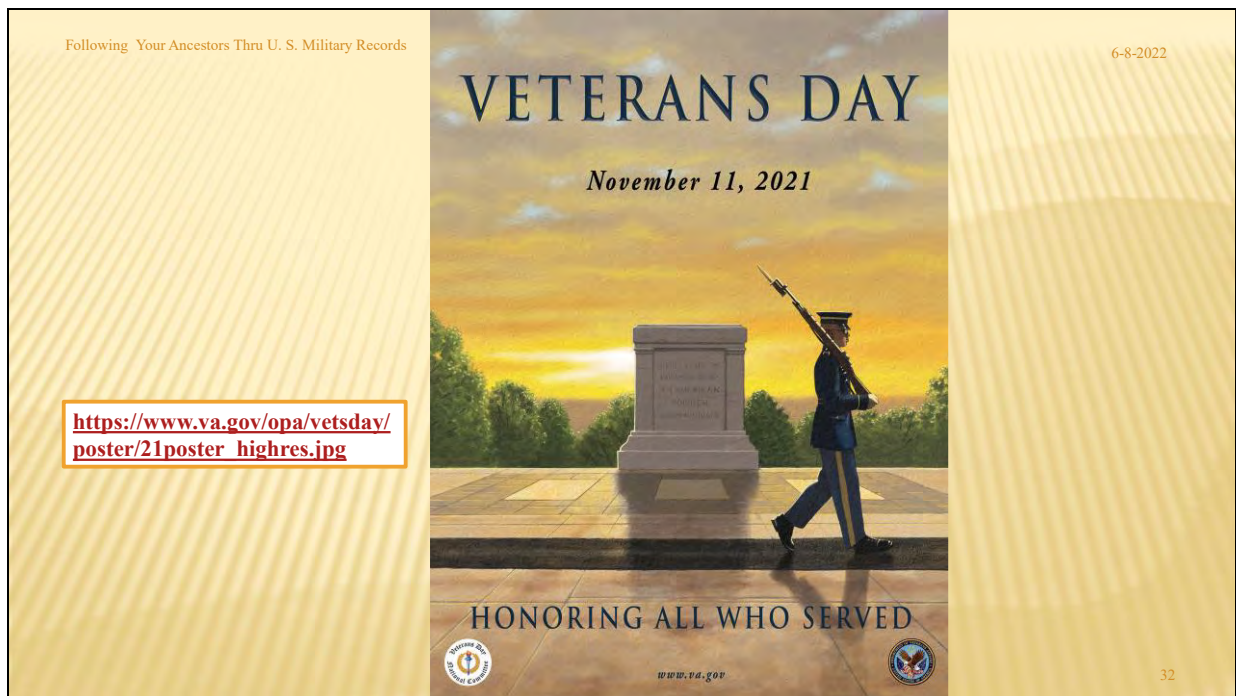
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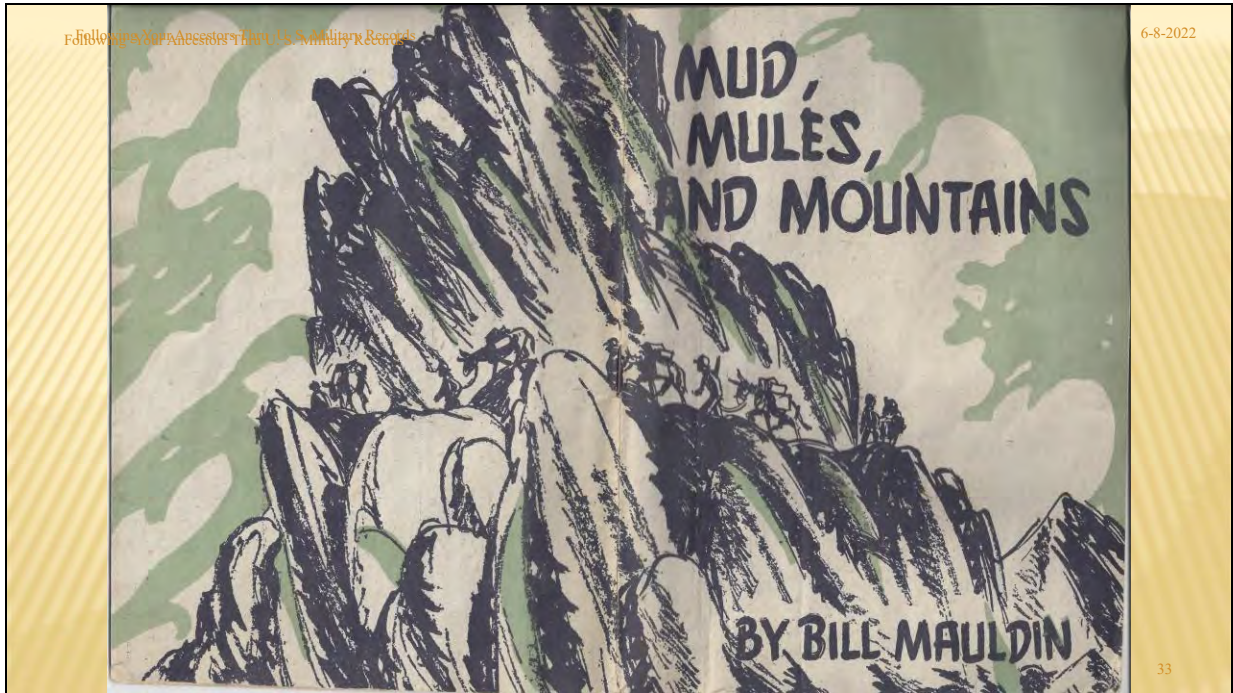
- ❑ Official request forms to receive copies of official military personnel records and pension and bounty land applications. You can apply on-line, by mail, or by FAX.
- ❑ Military records from 1917 - present are held in the: National Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri
 - ❖ OMPF *Federal (non-archival) record - discharge date of 1960 or after**
 - ❖ These records are non-archival and are maintained under the Federal Records Center program. Non-archival records have access restrictions to the military veteran, or the next-of-kin (*un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister*).
 - ❖ Use the link <https://www.archives.gov/forms> to get started **using eVetRecs** or Standard Form 180 (SF 180). Post-WWI archival records.
- ❑ Military Service Records prior to 1917
Form Number: **NATF 86** - *Use to:* Order compiled records based on pre-1917 military service in the United States forces.
- ❑ Military Pension/Bounty Land Warrant Applications
Form Number: **NATF 85** - *Use to:* Order copies of military pension application files based on Federal (not State or Confederate) service between 1775 and 1903 (before World War I) and Bounty Land Warrants.



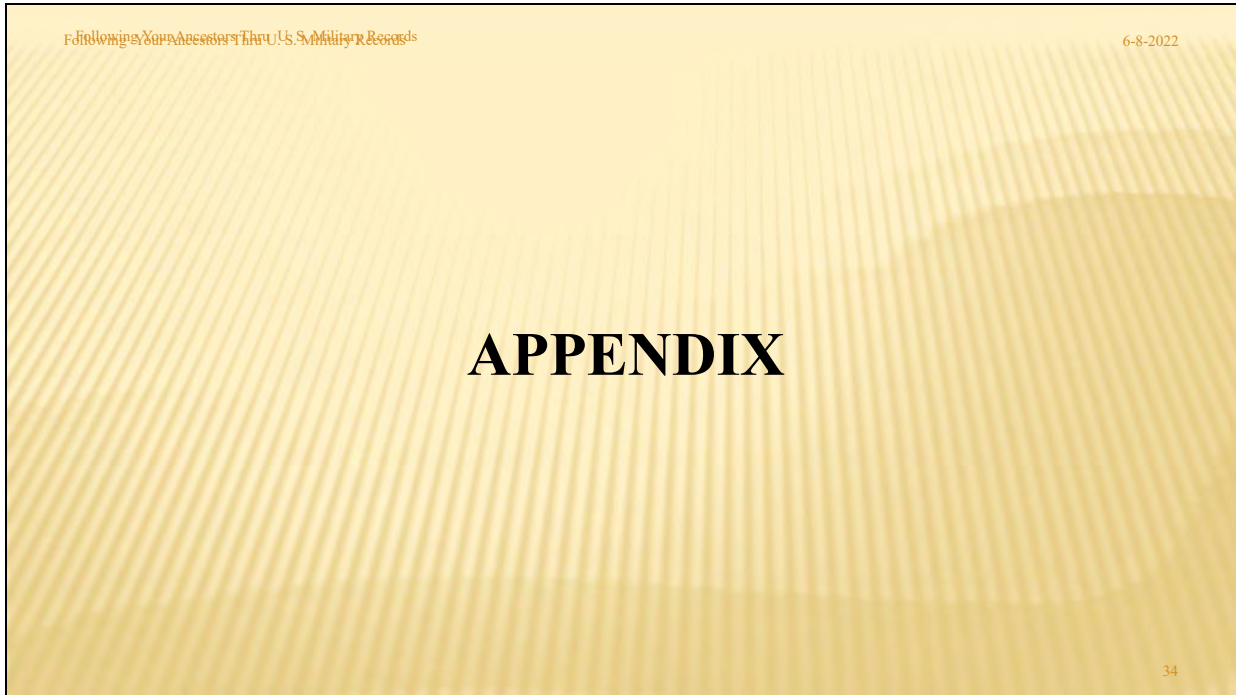
- ☐ National Archives Forms
- ☐ Order Online: Help us expedite your order! Submit your order online!
 When you place your order online, we receive it the next business day and begin researching it right away. (Order Online links will open in a new window.)
- ☐ Download form or order by mail:
 - ❖ Military Pension/Bounty Land Warrant Applications (NATF Form 85)
 - ❖ (Pre-WWI) Military Service: Records (NATF Form 86)
 - ❖ (Post-WWI) Military Records (SF-180)



- ❑ In this class, we have covered the two reasons for obtaining military records.
 - ❖ Proof of military service to apply for veteran's benefits: medical, burial, gravestones, home loans.
 - ❖ For family history information.
 - ✓ Vital information: birth, death & burial, physical characteristics, medical records
 - ✓ Residence: bounty land warrants, pensions (veteran, widow, or orphans)
 - ✓ Rank, training, combat service, medals, awards, KIA, MIA
- ❑ We have seen:
 - ❖ The types of military records
 - ❖ The wars and campaigns in which the U.S. has been engaged since colonial times
 - ❖ Where to find clues for military service
 - ❖ Where to learn about military records – The Family History Guide
 - ❖ Examples of typical military and military related records and websites
 - ❖ How to find Official Military Personnel Records, Pension Applications, and Bounty Land Warrants at NARA.



- ☐ In 1944, my cousin Henry Fred sent this copy of Bill Mauldin's cartoon book to my Aunt Jane.
- ☐ She gave it to me a few years before she died.
- ☐ She also sent me all the letters he had written to her which I am using to write his life story.



Additional useful or interesting information

Following Your Ancestors Through U.S. Military Records 6-8-2022

Summary: Basic Research Strategies

- ❑ **Step 1. Identify an Ancestor You Wish to Find in Military Records**
 - ❖ Begin with family and home sources, family stories
 - ❖ Search census, naturalization, biographies, cemetery records
 - ❖ Check with veterans' organizations
- ❑ **Step 2. Decide What You Want to Learn**
- ❑ **Step 3. Select a Record to Search: Family Search Wiki pages can help**
- ❑ **Step 4. Find and Search the Records**
- ❑ **Step 5. Use the Information**
 - ❖ Is this your ancestor?
 - ❖ What is true? Correlate and evaluate sources

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/US_Military_Basic_Search_Strategies

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- ❑ **Step 1. Identify an Ancestor You Wish to Find in Military Records**
 - ❖ Begin your research with family and home sources. You may already know of ancestors who were in the military.
 - ❖ You may find evidence that an ancestor served in the military from family traditions, census records, naturalization records, biographies, cemetery records, or records of veteran's organizations.
- ❑ **Step 2. Decide What You Want to Learn: birth date and place, service record, spouse, marriage date, or burial place.**
- ❑ **Step 3. Select a Record to Search**
 - ❖ Several factors can affect your choice of which records to search.
 - ❖ These Wiki pages can help you evaluate which specific military record would be most helpful.
 - ❖ If you know the unit, it is usually best to begin with pension files, since they usually have the most information on the soldier's family.
 - ❖ If you do not know your ancestor's military unit, you may need to first identify the ancestor in service records.
- ❑ **Step 4. Find and Search the Record**
 - ❖ This step describes the major archives that have U.S. military records.
 - ❖ When one of these institutions is referred to elsewhere in this set of Wiki pages, return to this step for the address.
- ❑ **Step 5. Use the Information**
 - ❖ When you find a new source, it is important to evaluate it to see if it really about the person you seek.
 - ❖ If it is, then next step is to begin a preliminary evaluation of its trustworthiness.
 - ❖ Compare what you know with what you just found to determine what is most likely true.
 - ❖ By correlating all the available sources and using them to corroborate each other you can better evaluate them.
 - ❖ If you find contradictions or discrepancies, try to explain what you think accounts for them.

Colonial Wars

- ❑ **Colonial Wars:**
 - ❖ King Philip's War: June 20, 1675 – April 12, 1678
 - ❖ King William's War: 1689–1697
 - ❖ Queen Anne's War: 1702–1713
 - ❖ French & Indian War: 1754–1763
- ❑ Colonists may have served in local militias; records will be at the local or state level.
- ❑ Check state repositories, libraries, archives and societies for records.
- ❑ Could be British Records if they were British Regulars rather than Colonial Militia



George Washington in 1772 as
Colonel of the Virginia
Regiment; painting by Charles
Willson Peale

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_American_military_history

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Sources for Revolutionary War

- ❑ **Index to Compiled service records of Revolutionary War Soldiers (NARA M860):** Index covers NARA M881 and NARA M880
- ❑ **Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War (NARA M881)**
- ❑ **Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served and the American Naval Personnel who served during the Revolutionary War (NARA M880)**
- ❑ **Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 (NARA M246):** On microfilm; Ancestry.com
- ❑ **DAR lineage books and website:** <http://www.dar.org/>
- ❑ **U.S. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Files, 1800-1900 (NARA M805):** On microfilm, Heritagequest.com (selected files M805)

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- ❑ NARA – National Archives and Records Administration
- ❑ DAR – Daughters of the American Revolution
- ❑ Compiled Service Records
 - ❖ The Compiled Service Records of volunteer Continental soldiers were made by the United States Record and Pension Division of the War Department, beginning in 1890. The Record and Pension Division made card abstracts from documents in the custody of the War Department and from muster, pay, and other rolls borrowed from the Second Auditor of the Treasury. In addition to the cards, original documents that related only to the individual soldier were included.
 - ❖ Envelopes were made for each of the soldiers and card abstracts pertaining to that individual were placed inside along with original documents that related only to that individual. Service records may provide rank, unit, date of enlistment, length of service, age, place of birth, and date of death. Preceding the jacket-envelopes for the individual soldiers there are some envelopes containing record-of-events cards giving the stations, movements, or activities of the regiment.
- ❑ The Compiled Service Records (\$) (Fold3.com) of volunteer Continental soldiers are available online. In the future, these records will be made available at no charge through the National Archives web site. The service records are also available to access at no charge at any library that provides free access to Fold3.com.

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Military Terms & Abbreviations

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Military Terms and Abbreviations

(Redirected from Military Terms)

United States > Military Records > Military Terms and Abbreviations

- DOD Dictionary of Military Terms #
- USNI Military Database #
- Military Jargon Summary #
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Topics Record Selection Table - Search Strategies - Ages of Servicemen - **Military Terms and Abbreviations** - Records at the Family History Library

Record Types Aircraft Accidents - Awards - Biographies - Bounty Land Warrants - Casualty Records - Cemetery Records - Census Records - Draft Records - Pension Records - Prisoner of War Records - Service Records - Society Records - Soldiers Home Records - Unit Histories

Colonial Wars, 1607-1763 - Revolutionary War, 1775-1783 - War of 1812-1815 - Mexican War, 1846-1848 - Civil War, 1861-1865

World War I, 1917-1918 - Korean War, 1950-1953 - Vietnam War, 1965-1975

Sources: U.S. Air Force - U.S. Army - U.S. Marine Corps - U.S. Navy

Search Learning & How-To's

Subject Place or Keyword

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See other handout of military and naval unit structures, rank insignia, medals, and service ribbons.

The screenshot shows the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) website's Ancestor Search page. The header includes the DAR logo, navigation links (Ancestor, Member, Descendants, GRC, Resources, Library Catalog), and a search bar. A disclaimer states that the listing does not constitute proof of lineage. The search result for **WRIGHT, GEORGE JR** (Ancestor #: A130802) lists the following details:

- Service: CONNECTICUT Rank: PRIVATE
- Birth: 3-31-1761 SAYBROOK NEW LONDON CO CONNECTICUT
- Death: 7-21-1821 DURHAM GREENE CO NEW YORK
- Pension Number: S*W22702
- Service Source: S*W22702
- Service Description: 1) CAPTS DORRANCE, MUNSON, HOPKINS
2) COLS SHERMAN, HEMAN SWIFT

A red box highlights the URL: http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=1. The page also features a 'Search Options' sidebar with links to Overview & Help, New Search, Advanced Search, Child Search, Recent, Previous, and Refine Search. A 'Become a Member!' banner is visible at the bottom right.

Example DAR ancestor search; not my relative.

Ancestor number, pension number, service number, service description.

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Military Records at the Library of Congress

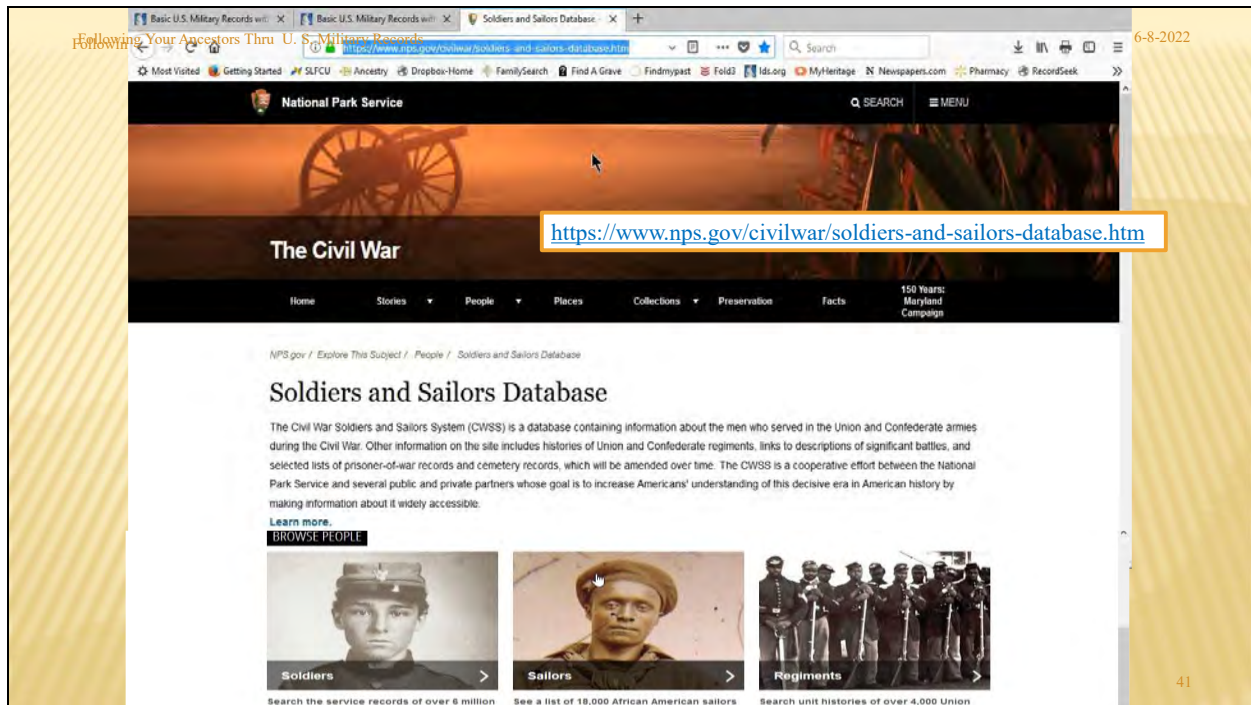
The screenshot shows the Library of Congress website with a search bar containing 'military records'. The search results page displays 'Results for "military records" 1 - 25 of 42,302'. A table titled 'Original Formats' lists various record types and their counts:

Original Formats	Count
Photos, Prints, Drawings	19,698
Legislation	14,786
Web Pages	4,512
Books	2,529
Manuscript/Printed Material	1,754

A specific record is highlighted: 'Valentine Hitchcock, Saturday, October 25, 1862 (Military Record)'. Below the screenshot, a URL is provided: <http://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=military+records&new=true&st=>

Library of Congress Catalog

- ❖ Book: "The Seventeenth Alabama Infantry": a regimental history and roster / Illene D. Thompson and Wilbur E. Thompson; Bowie, Md. : Heritage Books, 2001.
- ❖ This book is about my Great-grandfather Barrett's Civil War regiment.




- ☐ National Parks have military records?
- ☐ Yes. The National Parks Service (NPS) manages Civil War Battlefields like Gettysburg and Vicksburg.
- ☐ NPS maintains a complete database of all Civil War Veterans, Union and Confederate.

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Uncle Henry 1901-1985

- ❑ **Military service at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas (family story)**
- ❑ **This 1920 US Census is the only on-line record of his military service**
- ❑ **Could not find any on-line record of draft card, enlistment, or discharge**
- ❑ **All the data is correct; this is him!**
- ❑ **I planned to request his military personnel file from the National Archives to find enlistment date, unit, discharge date, rank achieved, etc.**
- ❑ **But – in a box of papers from his desk, I found his discharge paper (Army: 1919-1922)**



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- ❑ My Uncle Henry told us stories of his Army service in the El Paso, Texas area around 1920.
- ❑ I was not able to find any military record for him on any web site.
- ❑ The discharge form answered all my questions.
- ❑ **Lesson: check your potential home sources and family members first.**
- ❑ Photo from about 1950.

Following is a sample of the U.S. Military Records

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1920 U.S. Census: Henry S. Barrett

STATE: Texas COUNTY: El Paso TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY: El Paso Military District NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE: Motor Transport Repair Unit 315 NAME OF INSTITUTION: United States Army SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 15 SHEET NO. 2B ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 315 WARD OF CITY: El Paso DAY OF March 1920

PLACES OF BIRTH: El Paso, Texas RACE: White SEX: Male AGE: 29 BIRTH DATE: 1891 BIRTH PLACE: El Paso, Texas OCCUPATION: Private

Found on FamilySearch


- ☐ 1920 U. S. Census shows Uncle Henry in the Army.
- ❖ State: Texas
- ❖ County: El Paso
- ❖ Township or other division of county: El Paso Military District
- ❖ Name of Incorporated Place: Motor Transport Repair Unit 315
- ❖ Name of Institution: United States Army
- ❖ Found on FamilySearch
- ☐ Tip: If your veteran ancestor was in the military during a census year, you could find him at his duty station.

Following are the records of the U.S. Army Records

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Army Discharge: 1922

Honorably Discharge from The United States Army



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That Henry S. Barrett
1st Lt. 1st Regt. Cavalry, Company B, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division
 THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL
 SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the
 UNITED STATES by reason of: Expiration of term of service
Said Henry S. Barrett was born
in St. Johns, in the State of Arizona
 When enlisted he was 18 years of age and by occupation a Discerner
 He had Brown eyes, Brown hair, Fair complexion, and
 was 5 feet 8 1/2 inches in height.
 Given under my hand at Fort Sam Houston, Texas this
 20th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two
W. H. H. H.
1st Lt. 1st Regt. Cavalry, Company B, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division
 Commanding

Form No. 100, 4-1-19
 (Revised 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Henry S. Barrett Grade: 1st Lt. 1st Regt. Cavalry
 Enlisted, or Inducted: June 1st, 1917, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas
 Serving in 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, enlistment period at date of discharge.
 Prior service: None
 Noncommissioned officer: None
 Marksmanship, punter qualification or rating: 1st Not Recalled
 Marksmanship: 1st
 Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: None
 Knowledge of any location: None Mechanic
 Wounds received in service: None
 Physical condition when discharged: Good
 Typhoid prophylaxis completed: July 1st, 1917
 Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed: July 1st, 1917
 Married or single: Single
 Character: Excellent
 Remarks: Had to serve 6 months to make good time lost by AWOL
about the 1917, entitled to travel pay to St. Johns,
Arizona
 Signature of soldier: Henry S. Barrett
W. H. H. H.
1st Lt. 1st Regt. Cavalry, Company B, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division
 Commanding

Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 JUN 9 1922
 PAID IN FULL \$ 11.85
 1st Lt. 1st Regt. Cavalry, Company B, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Cavalry Division
 W. H. H. H.

- ☐ Here is the discharge paper from 1922.
- ☐ He had to serve one extra day to make up a day AWOL (absent without leave).
- ☐ Uncle Henry was a great storyteller, but he must have forgotten to tell me that story.

Following a Veteran's Access to U.S. Military Records

Example DD 214

Last Air Force Discharge: 1980

Prior Discharges:
1964: re-enlistment
1966: Reserve commission
1968: Regular commission

DD FORM 214 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, first, middle)
BARRETT, WILLIAM HENRY

2. SERVICE NUMBER OR GRADE
CAPT

3. DATE OF SEPARATION
1980 Jul 02

4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH
AIR FORCE - 201 AF

5. PLACE OF SEPARATION
Lackland AFB, TX

6. STATION WHERE SEPARATED
Kirtland AFB, NM

7. DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND
AFSC (AFSC)
NA

8. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED
NA

9. AGO CODE
20

10. AGO CODE
20

11. PRIMARY BRANCH NUMBER, TIME AND YEARS AND MONTHS OF SERVICE (Addendum number and date)
2011, Staff Development Engineering Manager
2 years and 7 months; 2065, Nuclear Research
Officer, 4 years and 7 months; 2035,
Mechanical Engineer, 6 years and 8 months.

12. RECORDS OF SERVICE
A. Date Entered AD (Year, Month, Day)
1966 Nov 25
B. Separation Date (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
C. Date of Entry into Service (Year, Month, Day)
1966 Nov 25
D. Date of Last Active Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
E. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
F. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
G. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
H. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
I. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
J. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
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K. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
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M. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
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Y. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20
Z. Date of Last Inactive Service (Year, Month, Day)
1980 Sep 20

13. DEPARTMENTAL MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN AWARDS OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)
Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, and AF Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters.
Safety Management for Supervisors, 1 week, Feb 1973. Nuclear Weapons Orientation Advanced Course, 1 week, Mar 1975.

14. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VETNAM ERA
VERBALLY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ☐ YES ☒ NO

15. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT
☒ YES ☐ NO

16. DAYS ACCUSED
56.5

17. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SERVING
William H. Barrett

18. TYPE NAME, GRADE, DATE AND SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
Kirtland AFB, NM
Chief, Quality Control Section

19. ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION
7700 Calle De Plata, S.E.
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- ☐ Since 1950, the DD214 is the standard discharge form for all services.
- ☐ This is my last DD 214.
- ☐ Tip: Veteran ancestor may also have had more than one discharge date.

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Example World War II Draft Record - "Old Man's Draft"

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1995	1. NAME (Print) Harry L Trollinger		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Bath, Greene Ohio.			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Xenia Ohio RR # 3			
4. TELEPHONE 8-4889	5. AGE IN YEARS 55	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Bath Ohio	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Harry L Trollinger, Xenia, Ohio RR # 3			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Farm			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS RR # 3 Xenia Ohio Bath Greene Ohio.			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		10-21630-2 Harry L Trollinger.	



My wife's grandfather – Harry Lee Trollinger, 1887-1967; found on FamilySearch

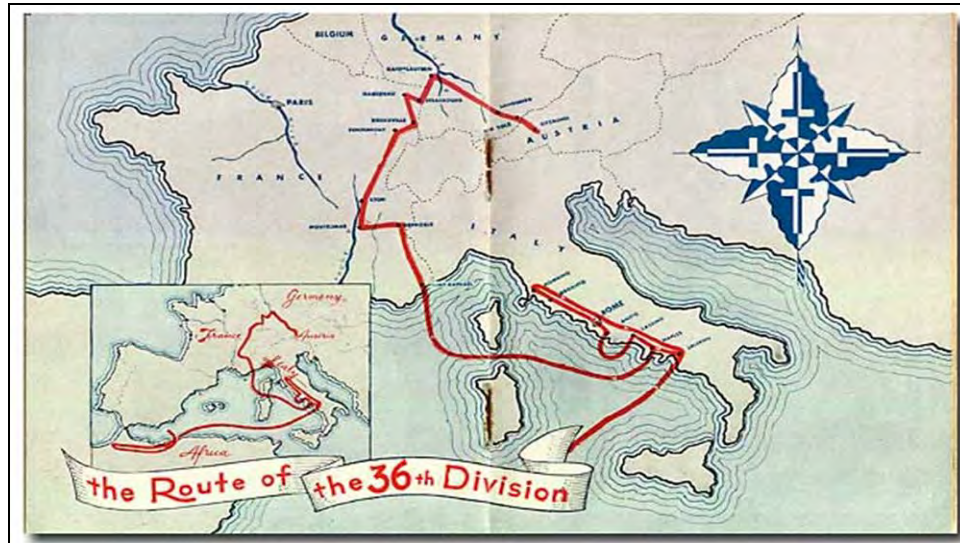
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- ☐ This is the so-called "Old Man's Draft".
- ☐ This file did not show the reverse side of the registration card.



- ☐ Henry Fred's WWII Division: 36th Infantry Division (Texas National Guard)
- ☐ The After-Action Reports can be interesting but are very long and detailed.
- ☐ Unit histories can be very informative.
- ☐ Individual private soldiers are rarely mentioned except for Medal of Honor winners or other remarkable achievements.
- ☐ Many unit associations have websites, but not all.
- ☐ **Tip: If your ancestor was in the national Guard, the state may have records and a website.**



- ☐ Henry Fred's 36th Infantry Division WWII campaigns
- ☐ North Africa for training (no combat);
- ☐ Salerno, Italy amphibious assault: 9 September 1943
 - ❖ Injured on the beach; broken ankle? – hinted on his hospital discharge record.
 - ❖ Newsreel showed him lying on a cot on the beach with a nurse leaning over him.
 - ❖ His mother saw this newsreel at an El Paso movie theater before she received notice from the Army that he was injured.
- ☐ Anzio, Italy amphibious assault: 25 May 1944
- ☐ He mentioned the liberation of Rome in one of his letters.
- ☐ Southern France amphibious assault: 15 August 1944
- ☐ Henry Fred was killed 16 December in southern France.